

# IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 28th March 2010

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## IRTS 78th AGM

The 78th AGM of Irish Radio Transmitters Society will be hosted by the Dundalk Amateur Radio Society, over the weekend of the 24 /25th April 2010. The venue will be Fairways Hotel Dundalk Co Louth.

Tickets for the Dinner on Saturday night at 8.30PM are selling well at 35 Euro each and are available from Peter Grant EI4HX Peter's email address is secretary /at/ ei7dar.com or by Telephone 087 7944779..

The Rally will be on Sunday 25th Doors opening at 11.00 AM, all the usual traders will be represented plus some new ones. Tables will also be available for sole traders without charge.

The IRTS AGM will start at 2pm; all paid up IRTS Members are welcome to attend. Outdoor activities will also be available for Children and XYL's plus some unusual stuff. The AREN Mobile Command Post will be on display with elevated antennas for most bands.

Bookings for Traders tables to Thos EI2JD email chairman /at/ ei7dar.com or Peter EI4HX chairman /at/ ei7dar.com OR Peter EI4HX secretary /at/ ei7dar.com Talk in Saturday & Sunday on the 2m Dundalk Repeater EI2CCR.

For Further details on accommodation please check out [www.fairways.ie](http://www.fairways.ie) & [www.ei7dar.com](http://www.ei7dar.com)

Sunday Lunch and afternoon Tea will be available in the venue or at any of the many suitable Restaurants in and around Dundalk.

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## DXpedition to Mozambique

Since going to Hawane in Swaziland with the IRTS 75th Anniversary DXpedition in March 2007 there has been plans in working with Daniel Hubbard ZS6JR and Bob Wood (formerly African DX Safaris - now CQ-DX African Safaris) to promote DXpeditions to African locations. There is a web page at [www.3da0ss.net/](http://www.3da0ss.net/) which gives the latest information.

There is a DXpedition to Mozambique in October 2010 which will include a JOTA

operation from the capital Maputu and a CQWW SSB contest operation from Xai Xai (approx 200km North of Maputu). So far those who have expressed interest in the DXpedition are mostly CDXC members.

For more information on the DXpedition check out the web pages at [www.3da0ss.net](http://www.3da0ss.net)

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### **Ferry Special Event Station Enters Final Week**

Ei2GBW, the special event station celebrating the return of the Cork-Swansea ferry service, enters its final week of operations. John Ei9JO and Tim Ei2KA will be operating as much as possible to allow any last stations to get in the log by Good Friday the 2nd of April, which is the last day of operations.

Stations interested in qualifying for the Spirit of Innisfallen Award for working both Ei2GBW and GB2EI have until 30 April to bag GB2EI. So far, Ei2GBW has logged about 1800 QSOs and has sent out about 1600 QSL cards and over 100 Spirit of Innisfallen Award certificates.

The organisers wish to thank all those involved in helping make Ei2GBW a complete success.

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### **Bere Isl EU-121 Activation**

Olivier ON4EI is currently activating Bere Island EU-121 as EJ8GQB, his new Irish callsign (EI8GQB). This solo expedition is planned from 21st-29th March 2010.

Activity will be 160-10m SSB/RTTY. Oliver will also be participating in the CQ WPX SSB CONTEST March 27th-28th 2010.

For more details about the trip, see [www.qrz.com/db/ej8gqb](http://www.qrz.com/db/ej8gqb)

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### **GB10GKA Special Event Station**

To mark the 10th Anniversary of the closure of the World's largest Maritime Radio Station Portishead Radio / GKA, a special callsign GB10GKA has been granted. GB10GKA is being activated for a period of one month from 30th April 2010 through 27 May 2010.

Hours of operation will be dependent on individual operator's free time however, it is intended that the callsign will be active extensively throughout the licensed period.

Operation will be primarily on CW. Operations will be on all HF bands from the following stations, each manned by an ex-GKA Radio Officer.

The operational schedule is as follows G3YEC Rick 30 April thru 6 May QTH near Colchester, Essex. G3ZRJ Tony 7 May thru 13 May QTH near Hereford, Herefordshire. GW3UOF Mike 14 May thru 20 May QTH near Treorchy, Mid Glamorgan, Wales & G3TJE/G4HLN Pete/Larry 21 May thru 27 May QTH Nr Burnham on Sea, Somerset.

Special Anniversary QSL cards will be produced to mark this historic event, eQSL will also be used. Certificates for contacting GB10GKA on more than 4 HF bands will be available via soft copy thus at no cost to the winners. If you work us on more than 4 bands please contact G3ZRJ as shown below so that your certificate can be sent to you via email.

Point of contact: Tony Roskilly G3ZRJ [g3zrj.morsekey /at/ btinternet.com](mailto:g3zrj.morsekey@btinternet.com)

Information about Portishead Radio can be found at: [www.gka.btinternet.co.uk/](http://www.gka.btinternet.co.uk/)

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### **Worked All Ireland at Lough Erne Rally**

The Irish Radio Transmitters Society stand will attend the Lough Erne Rally in SHARE on Sunday 11 April.

This Rally has been a major meeting place for radio amateurs and radio experimenters from both sides of the border since the first one in Enniskillen back in 1982. This history was behind the Club invitation to IRTS to attend, and the Club is honoured that IRTS has taken up the invitation.

Furthermore, in this same context, the Club asked that the IRTS stand be used to encourage a revival of Worked All Ireland activity.

With better propagation, it is again possible to work on 40 and 80 metre bands across the whole island, making contacts in all counties and in the squares on Irish Ordnance Survey maps. WAI is an ideal way to foster amateur radio contacts across the whole island.

Moreover, it could involve many new amateurs and experimenters licensed in the ten years since Worked all Ireland activity was last busy around 2000.

Using the Fermanagh Repeater, GB3CP, Martin G17JGT will operate a talk in service for those travelling to the Rally on Sunday morning 11 April. This Repeater's coverage includes the northern stretches of the N2 and N3 in the Republic, and the

western M1 from Belfast.

Kenwood have donated a fine raffle prize. It is a TH-F7 dual band FM hand held. The ticket selling team will be led by three of the women among 18 on the Club's recent Foundation course that were first on air – Fidelma M6UIM, Shauna Mi6SFH and Noreen Mi6NCC. All 18 new Foundation licensees will be presented with Welcome to Amateur Radio Certificates at the Rally by Billy Pollock, GI3NVW, who is himself over 50 years licensed.

Michael Clarke Mi5MTC, Chairman Lough Erne ARC. Tel 048-6862-1436. Email mi5mtc /at/ learc.eu

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### **EI / G request for volunteers for 50MHz WSPR**

Experiment.

Ian Hogan G6TGO, UK Six Metre Group Sponsorship Manager and SIX NEWS columnist, would like to invite Stations to Participate in a WSPR Experiment with a Demo Station which will be at the Norbrek Rally Blackpool on the 11th April.

The Station will be a Kenwood TS2000 DIAL SET 50.293,TX 50.294.500 ,5W to a HALO within the Main hall pointing out toward the Irish Sea.

All contributors will be credited in the Magazine SIX NEWS.

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### **Tipperary Amateur Radio Group**

The next monthly meeting of the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group will take place on Thursday next the 1st of April in Raheen House Hotel, Raheen Road, Clonmel at 8.00pm. All are welcome to attend.

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### **CARA Echolink Talk**

Crossakiel Amateur Radio Association is pleased to welcome Richard Hendy from DAR to the Club for an Echo link talk on Wednesday 31st March 2010. The Club meet in the Welcome Wagon in Crosskiel every Wednesday at 8.30pm

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### **Dundalk Amateur Radio Society.**

The next meeting of the Society is scheduled for 7th April 2010 at the Clubhouse. Meetings start at 20.30pm sharp all are welcome to attend.

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### **Wicklow Radio Club**

The Next meeting of the Club is confirmed for wed 14th of April at 19:30, in the Glebe National School, Wicklow Town. All are welcome to attend.

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### **Rallies**

Sunday 11th April 2010 Event:Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club Rally Venue:The Share Holiday Village Lisnaskee Co. Fermanagh BT92 0EQ.For more details contact Iain 028 66326693, email gibbjgbb /at/ aol.com

Website [www.learc.eu](http://www.learc.eu)

For further Rally info and contact details please check out the IRTS Website.

[www.irts.ie/cgi/rallies.cgi](http://www.irts.ie/cgi/rallies.cgi)

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### **History this week**

1885 Edison patents wireless induction telegraphy between moving trains and railway stations.

1898 US Navy starts investigating Naval Aviation.

1899 First wireless telegraph message sent across the English Channel.

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Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Charlie EI8JB, preferably via e-mail to “charlie dot carolan at gmail dot com” Or by phone to 087-6265418 News can also be submitted via e-mail to “newsteam at irts dot ie” for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday’s bulletin.

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